**Labor Organization Gilded Age**

**(1877-1900)**

**Task One:**

Walk around the room and complete the chart below on the various posters/pamphlets and raps you hear. After you have gone to each station you will meet back with your original group to answer the below italicized question.

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**Task Two**: Meet back with your original group and answer the question listed at the top of this worksheet.

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| *Additional notes to consider when writing your response.*  **Strikes:**  1877-1900 the U.S. saw 12 armed struggles between labor and management  **Wages/Income:**   * Average work week: 60 hours * Average rate of pay for an unskilled industrial worker: 10 cents/hour ($2.59 in 2014) * Average annual income:   + In 1890, 11 million of the nation’s 12 million families earned less than $1200 per year ($31,139 in 2014).   + Of this group, the average annual income was $380 ($9860 in 2014), well below the poverty line. |

Response Below: